AP US History

Chapter 4 Study Guide

**Chapter Summary**

Colonial Americans, at least, those of British descent, took their political and cultural cues from Great Britain. They fought its wars, purchased its consumer goods, flocked to hear its evangelical preachers, and read its many publications. Without question, the empire provided the colonists with a compelling source of identity. Even the immigrants who felt no loyalty to Great Britain had to assimilate to some degree. Americans hailed Britain. In 1763, they were the victors, the conquerors of the backcountry. In their moment of glory, the colonists assumed that Britain’s rulers saw the Americans as “Brothers,” as equal partners in the business of empire. Only slowly would they learn the British had a different perception…

**Growth and Diversity**

1. Briefly and sufficiently describe (2 sentences/bullets) why the following groups arrived in America.
   1. Scots-Irish
   2. Germans
   3. Convicts
2. Explain how European goods began to erode traditional structures of Native American authority.

**The Impact of European Ideas on American Culture**

1. Explain why American cities slowly developed.
2. Identify four ways in which European culture could be witnessed in the cities of America.
3. Explain the importance of the Enlightenment. In what ways did it appeal to Americans?
4. Elaborate on how Benjamin Franklin may be seen as the American version of an Enlightenment thinker.
5. In what way did America depend on the West Indies as a trade partner?
6. Explain how shifting patterns of trade had immense effects on the development of American culture.

**Religious Revivals in Provincial Societies**

1. The Great Awakening was a series of Protestant revivals during the mid-18th century. Explain its significance to the people of America.
2. Describe the significance of the following figures on the Great Awakening.

* Jonathan Edwards
* George Whitefield
* Gilbert Tennant
* James Davenport

**Clash of Political Cultures**

1. Evaluate the role of royal governors and their powers in colonial America.
2. What effect did the establishment of the weekly journal have on American life?

**Century of Imperial War**

1. List specific areas taken over by the French in North America from 1680-1720 and hypothesize the importance of each.
2. Cause and Effect: Why did the French ultimately seize the Ohio Valley in the early 1750’s? What effect did this have on the nearby colonists?
3. Describe the Albany Plan.

* Why did it ultimately fail?

1. Describe the significance of William Pitt in the Seven Years’ War.
2. List the results of the Seven Years’ War.
3. What effects did the Seven Years’ War have on American society?